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Horse and Travelling allowances to Assistant Inspectors of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department.

939 Q.—Mr. B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Assistant Inspectors of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, in charge of circles are not drawing the horse allowance of Rs. 25 while other Assistant Inspectors of the department are drawing the same allowance; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Assistant Inspectors in charge of circles are gazetted officers, and if so, why they are not allowed to draw the travelling allowance of a gazetted officer?

A.—(*a*) Assistant Inspectors who are required to keep horses for use in the course of their duties are granted an allowance of Rs. 25 a month. An account question has been raised within the last few days as to whether, for purposes of this order, an Assistant Inspector in charge of a circle is to be reckoned as an Assistant Inspector or as an Inspector, and is under disposal.

(*b*) Under the new Travelling Allowance Rules the grade of an officer for purposes of the travelling allowance is regulated by his pay and not by his status, whether gazetted or otherwise.

Communal representation in Ganjām and Vizagapatam.

940 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Muhammadans employed in Ganjām and Vizagapatam districts and in the following departments with their rank and pay:—

(1) Revenue Department,

(2) Civil Judicial Department,

(3) Registration Department,

(4) Salt, Abkāri and Customs Department, and

(5) Co-operative Department; and

(*b*) the steps taken to give adequate communal representation to Muhammadans in the above said departments?

A.—As regards gazetted officers the hon. Member is referred to the Annual Civil List. The number of Non-Gazetted officers drawing Rs. 35 and above will be shown in the return ordered in G.O. No. 658, dated 15th August 1922.

The effect of the time-scale of pay to clerks in the Secretariat.

941 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that an assurance was given by the Member for Finance in the Legislative Council at the time of the introduction of the time-scale of pay that individual cases of hardship under the new scale of pay would be sympathetically considered;